

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Barillaud et al.	§	Group Art Unit: 2153
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Serial No.: 09/738,371	§	Examiner: Chea, Philip J.
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Filed: December 15, 2000	§	Confirmation No.: 9807
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For: Method and System for Optimally Allocating a Network Service	§	Attorney Docket No.: AUS920000805US1

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A fee of \$810.00 is required for the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to Yee & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3157.

A two month extension of time is believed to be necessary. I authorize the Commissioner to charge the two month extension fee of \$460.00 to Yee & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3157. No additional extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Yee & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3157.

Preliminary to the continued examination thereof, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.